

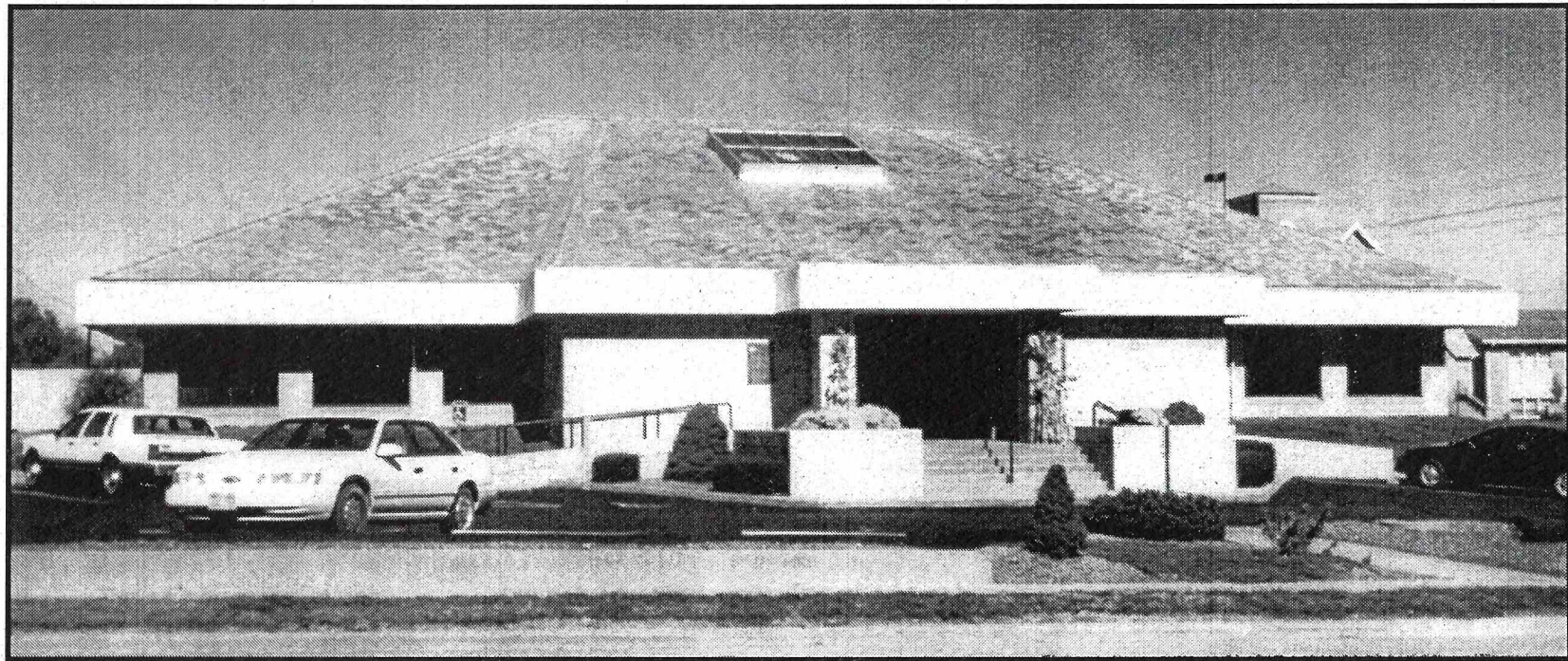
# MURPHY-WALL STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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**1874 - 1999**

*Season's Greetings*



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## History of the Oldest Bank in Perry County: Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company

### *125 Years of Service to the Community*

Viewing the new bank building dedicated in 1983, one is aware of the many years of service Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company has given the community for the past 124 years. This bank is a modern bank in every way with its first concern to offer the best possible service to the community. President Clark Bush has been guiding the bank and its Board of Directors since March 18, 1991. He brings a strong foundation to the bank as he continues the same ethical and forward vision as those who preceded him: Wm. K. Murphy, Joseph Crawford, Wm. K. Crawford Sr., Robert J. Crawford, and Wm. K. Crawford Jr.

The Murphy family of Perry County emigrated from Ireland to America before the Revolutionary War. John Murphy (grandfather of Wm. K. Murphy) was a soldier of the Revolution and fought on the side of the patriots at Kings Mountain and other battles in the South. Soon after the war, he located in Tennessee, and in 1818 the family came to Illinois where they settled in Perry County. He married in North Carolina and was the father of five sons and five daughters. One son was Richard G. who was the father of William K. Murphy. William C. was another son of John Murphy who became prominent in Illinois. He served as door-keeper in the State Senate and House while the capitol was at Vandalia. When the capitol was moved to Springfield, he served as sheriff of Perry County and held other offices for a number of years. His name was honored by having Murphysboro in Jackson County named for him.

Richard G. Murphy was born in Smith County, Tennessee on January 4, 1801, and was the youngest of the family. He became an important man in Illinois. He and his brother, William C., served in the Black Hawk War where Wm. C. was severely wounded. Richard was elected to and served ten years in the Illinois Legislature. During Polk's administration, he was appointed Agent to the Sioux Indians on their reservation in Minnesota. In 1850, he was again selected to the Legislature and was made chairman of the committee on railroads which incorporated the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1834, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kinney) Lemen, who was a niece of Governor Kinney of Belleville, Illinois. She died October 28, 1846. To this marriage, five children were born: Mary, wife of Richard A. Huntsman, Joseph L., Benton P., George W. and William K. Murphy. Richard then married Mrs. Nancy Wier nee Glore, who also bore five children.

William Kinney Murphy was born in Perry County, Illinois on July 20, 1835. He was reared on a farm and received little formal education. He attended subscription schools of his neighborhood and received some private instruction. For a short time, he was tutored by B. G. Roots, a veteran educator of Perry County. At the age of 25 years, he entered the Law Office of Wm. H. McKee, a brilliant young attorney of Pinckneyville. He applied and received admission to the bar in 1859, and was considered the most successful resident lawyer in Perry County. His frequent elections to the legislative bodies of the State attest to his standing, ability and worth as a citizen. He married, in 1860, to Miss Penina Ozburn, daughter of Hawkins S. and Mahala (Reese) Ozburn. They raised two children, Hawkins O. and Sarah V. Murphy.



Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company was originated and established in Pinckneyville by W. K. Murphy, George Wall and George W. Parker on November 12, 1874. It was first known as The Exchange Bank of Murphy-Wall and Company and later as Murphy-Wall and Company Banks. In 1907, it was incorporated as Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company at which time a new building was erected at Walnut and Water Streets.

William K. Murphy was Manager of the Bank during its operation as a private bank from 1874 to 1907, when it operated from a building on the north side of the square in Pinckneyville. William K. became President from 1907 until his death in 1911. Mr. Murphy was a prominent pioneer, banker, attorney, businessman and farmer of Perry County. He was instrumental in the establishment of several banks in Illinois as well as one in Missouri and one in Nashville, Tennessee. He was President of the First National Bank of Murphysboro, Illinois for many years. Mr. Joseph Crawford, son-in-law of W. K. Murphy, served as President of the Bank from 1911 until his death in 1923. W. K. Crawford, grandson of W. K. Murphy, served as President of the Bank from 1923 through 1975.

The Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company, with present resources of \$68,000,000, has withstood wars, financial panics and depressions and has witnessed many changes in the financial and monetary systems of the community and the continents and countries of the world. In war as in peace, the bank has always assumed its part of extra burden incidental to a Nation engaged in conflict.

W. K. Murphy was a Captain in the Union Army in the Civil War. W. K. Crawford Sr., and C. H. Dintleman were in active service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in WW I. W. K. Crawford, Jr., Navy Air Corps and Robert J. Crawford, U. S. Army served in France, Germany and Austria in WW II.

While some served their country in the Armed Forces, the Bank was active in purchasing Liberty Bonds and War Savings Bonds for its own account as well as for its customers and the public in general.

The officers, directors and stockholders of the Bank are aware of the confidence and good will which the citizens of Pinckneyville and the surrounding community have shown during the 124 years of the Bank's existence. They appreciate the pleasant business relations which the Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company has enjoyed during that time. With the year 1999, the Board of Directors, Officers, and Employees look forward to the 125th year of service to the public.

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*Photographs courtesy of Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company with the assistance of Robert R. Morefield.*





Robert J. and William K. Crawford Jr. cut the ribbon to open the new Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company banking complex April 16, 1983. Center: Robert J. Crawford and Wm. K. Crawford Jr., holding ribbon L-R, Kathy Carter Hagene and Gayle Schrader Lansden; L-R, Janet Blakely, Deborah Davis, Linda Reidelberger, Carolyn Hutchings, Charles R. Howell, Retired Senator Ralph Dunn, Billie D. Denman, Dempsey M. Keene, Retired Representative William Cunningham, Robert Marlow, Charles W. Roe, and Paula Wright.





The first bank was named The Exchange Bank of Murphy-Wall and Company. It was located on the north side of the Pinckneyville Square and was in use from 1874 until 1907.

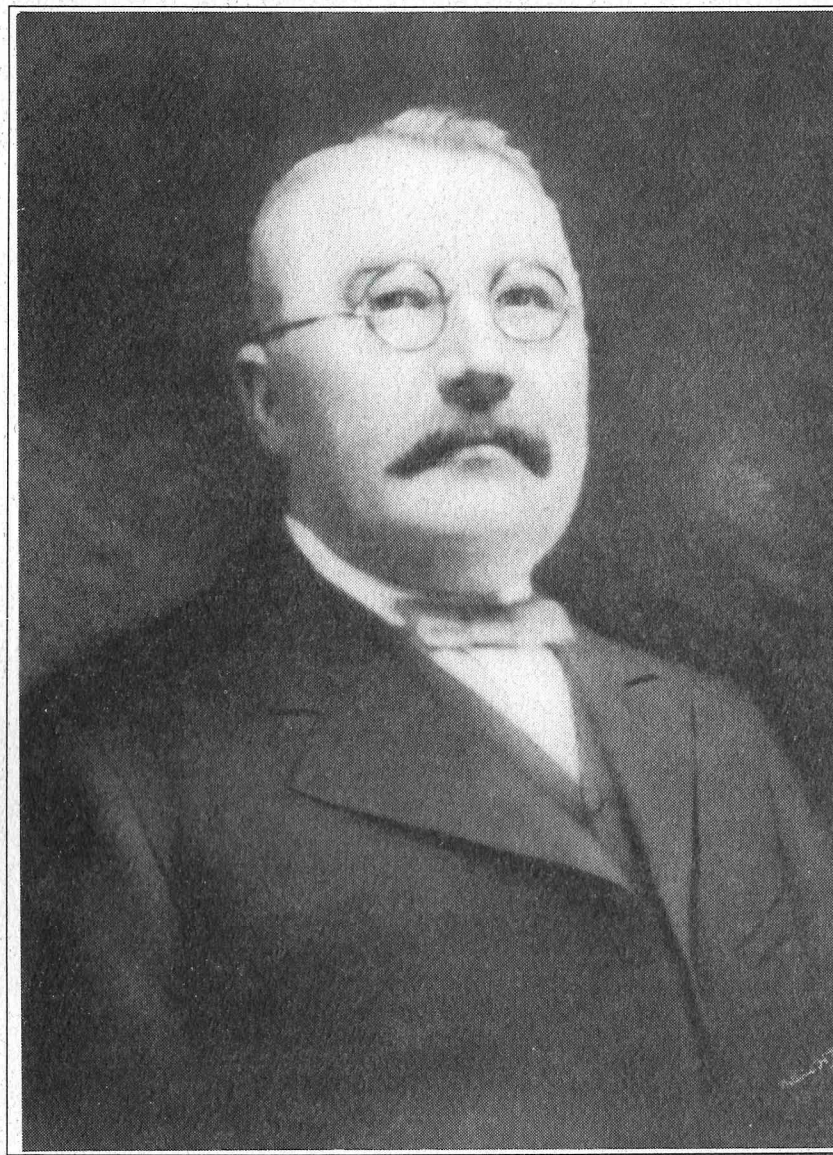




## EARLY BANK PRESIDENTS

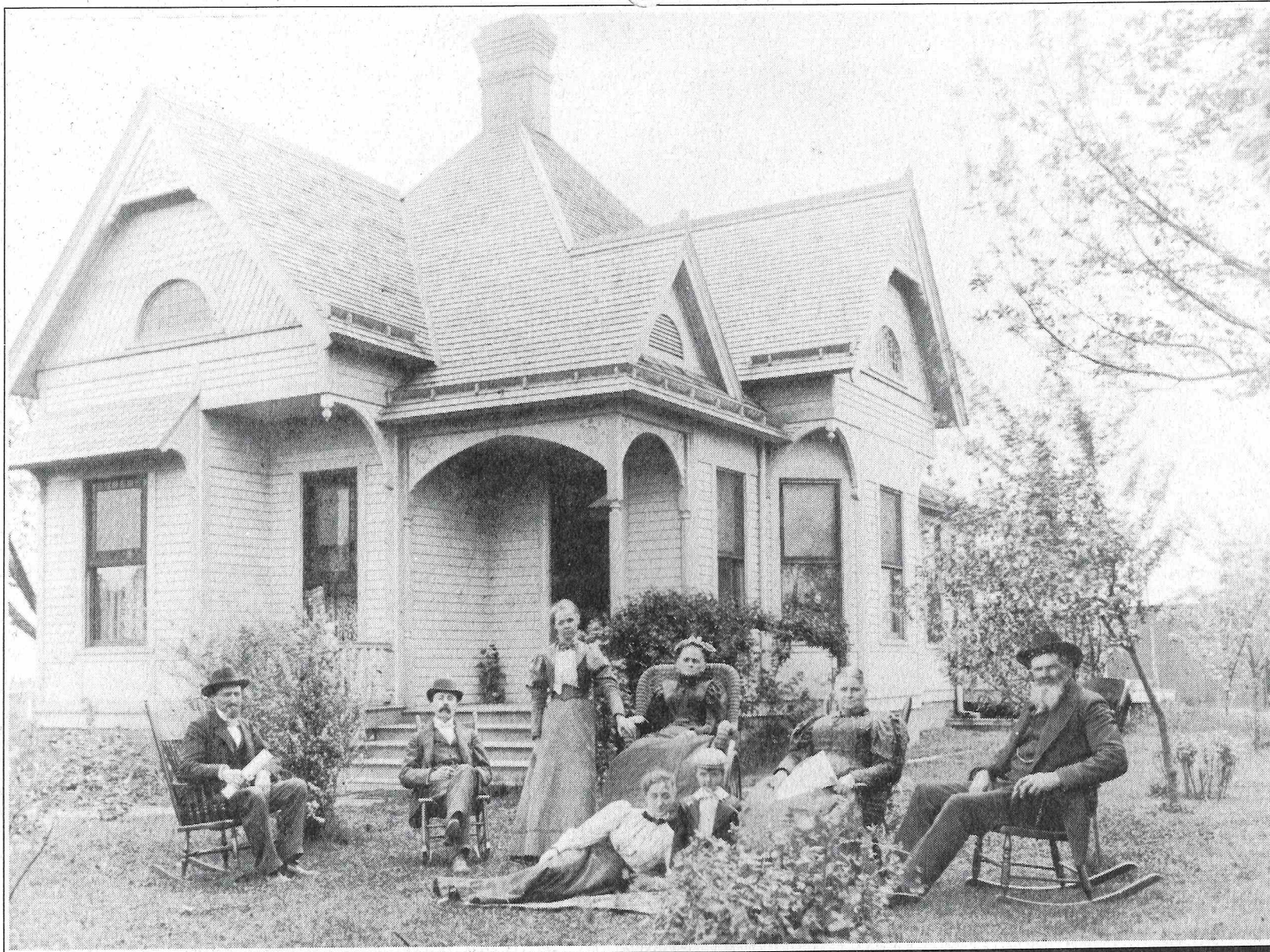


William K. Murphy, son of Richard G. Murphy; Captain of Company H of the 110th Regiment of Illinois, Volunteer Infantry; Manager and President of Murphy Wall and Company 1874 - 1911



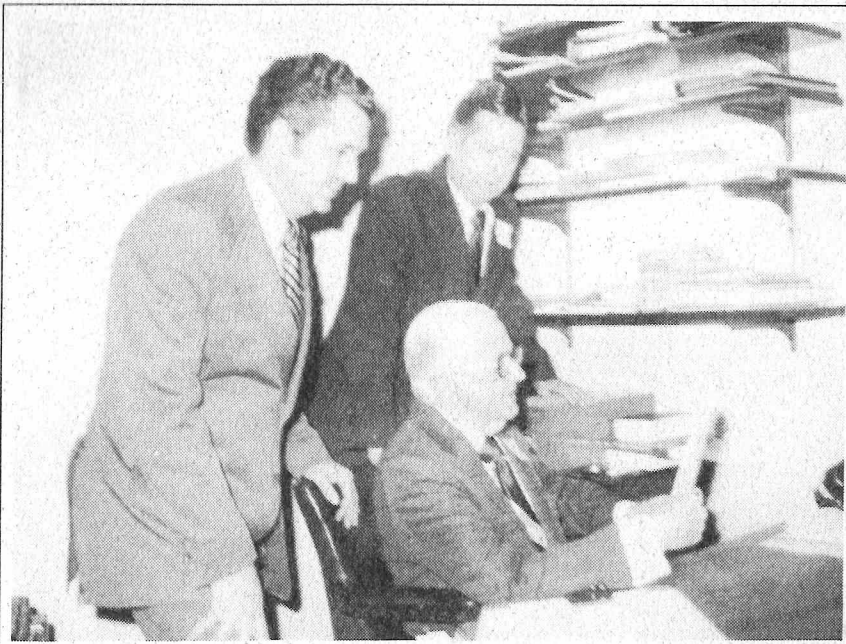
Joseph Crawford, Son-in-Law of Wm. K. Murphy; Cashier in early bank, 1904; President of Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company 1911 - 1923





Three Presidents of Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company and other family members gather on the front lawn of the George Murphy home about the turn of the century. W. K. Murphy at left holding paper, Joseph Crawford second from left in derby hat, W. K. Crawford Sr. is small boy in cap, at the right is George Murphy, brother of W. K. Murphy.





Wm. K. Crawford Sr., Robert J.  
Crawford and Wm. K. Crawford Jr.

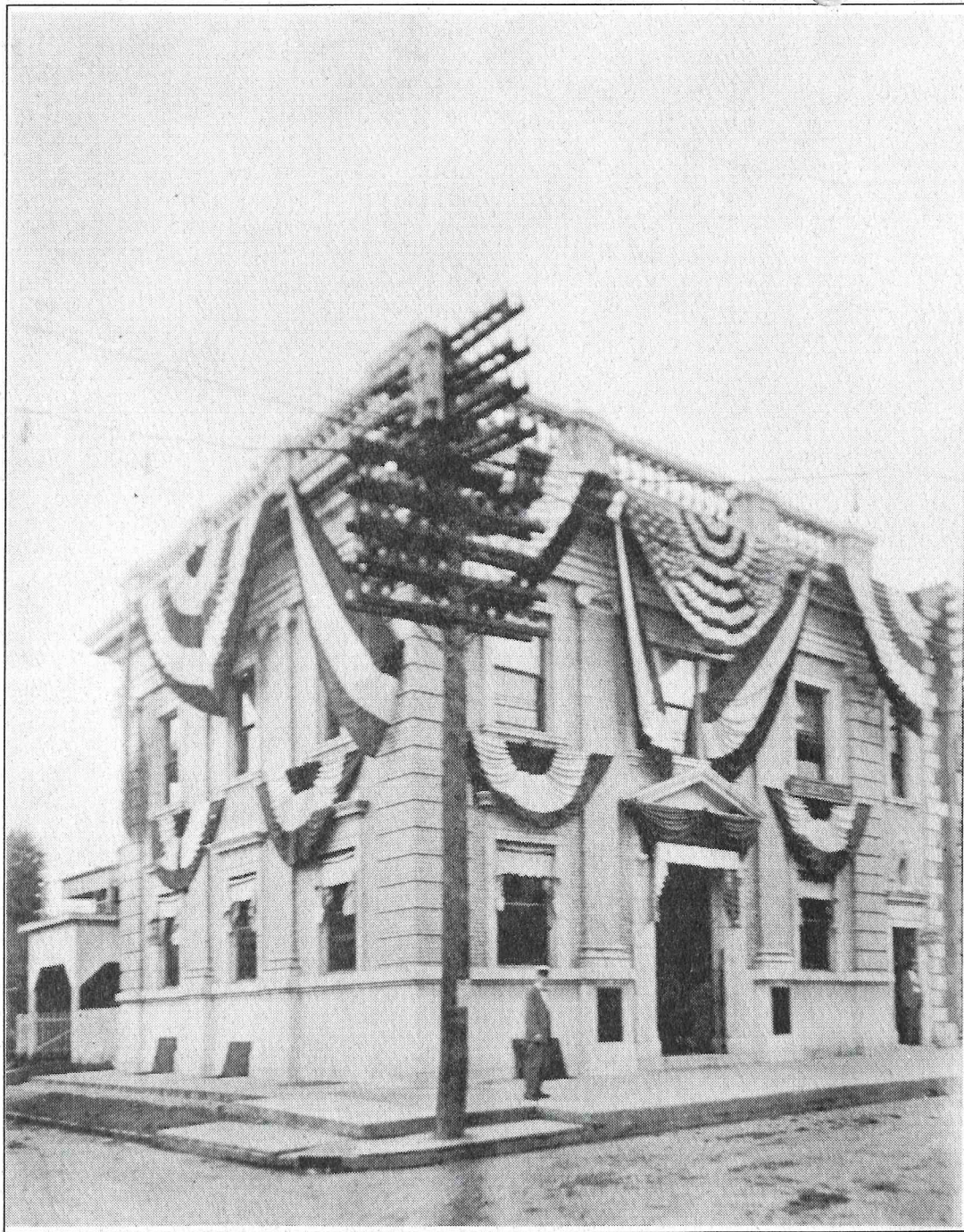
*Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?*

*Ecclesiastes 3:22*

Three Bank Presidents in the Board of Directors Room of the Walnut Street Bank with portraits of Wm. K. Murphy, Wm. K. Crawford Sr. and Joseph Crawford.



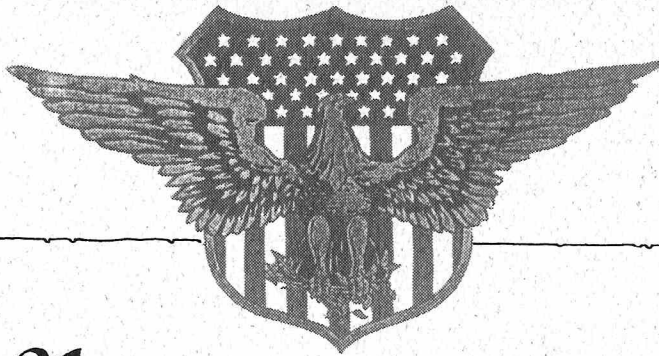




The Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company building was erected at the corner of Walnut and Water Streets in 1907. The building is decorated with patriotic festoons for a special occasion.







**B**e it known: *that*

the MURPHY-WALL STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Pinckneyville, Ill.

*is participating in the war financial  
program of the*

**TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES**

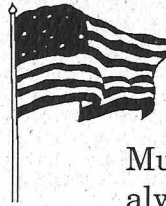
*by investing in its allotted share of*

**UNITED STATES TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS**

*to be issued between the dates of  
June 25, 1918, and October 24, 1918,  
the safest and best security in the world.*

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS**

**FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES.**



Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company has always been involved in activities that deal with love of country. Shown here are two certificates that attest to the Bank's devotion to aid in the World War I war effort.



**MAXIMUM  
WAR SAVINGS CLUB**  
*of Illinois*

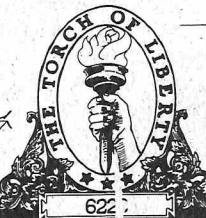
*This is to certify that*

*Murphy-Wall State Bank & Trust Co.*  
*is a Member of the*

**MAXIMUM WAR SAVINGS CLUB OF ILLINOIS**  
and is pledged to purchase One Thousand Dollars  
par value United States War Savings Certificates  
during the year 1918

Recorded

*Newton Francis*  
SECRETARY

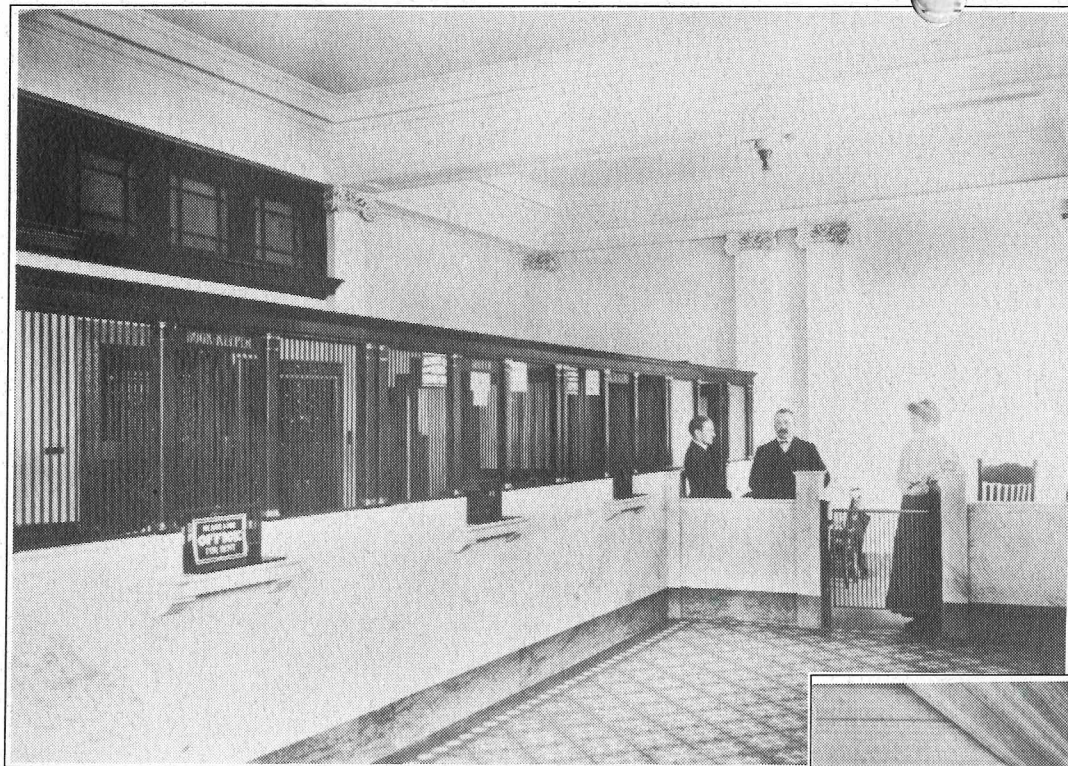


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*W. J. ...*  
PRESIDENT

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Two views of the interior of the bank at the corner of Walnut and West Water Streets sometime between 1907 and 1925.

*For age and want, save while you may;  
No morning sun lasts a whole day*

Mr. Joseph Crawford, President from 1911 - 1923  
is in the center at the end of the room.

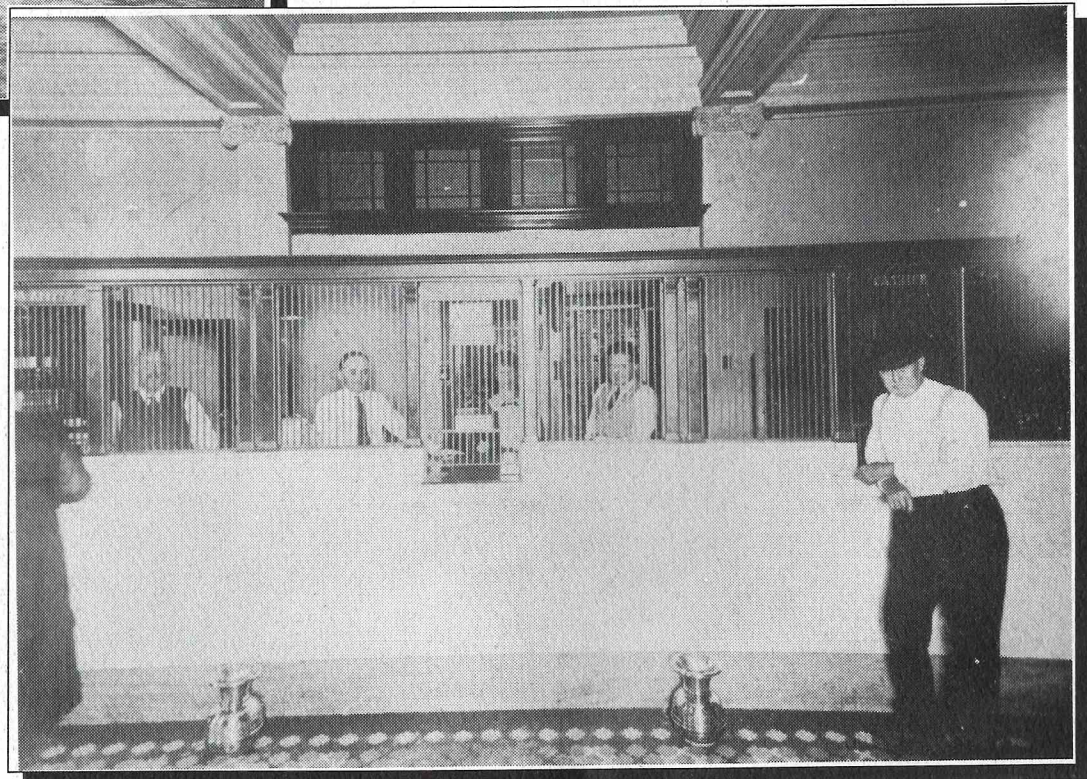
*A penny saved is a penny earned.*

*Beware of little expenses;  
a small leak will sink a great ship.*

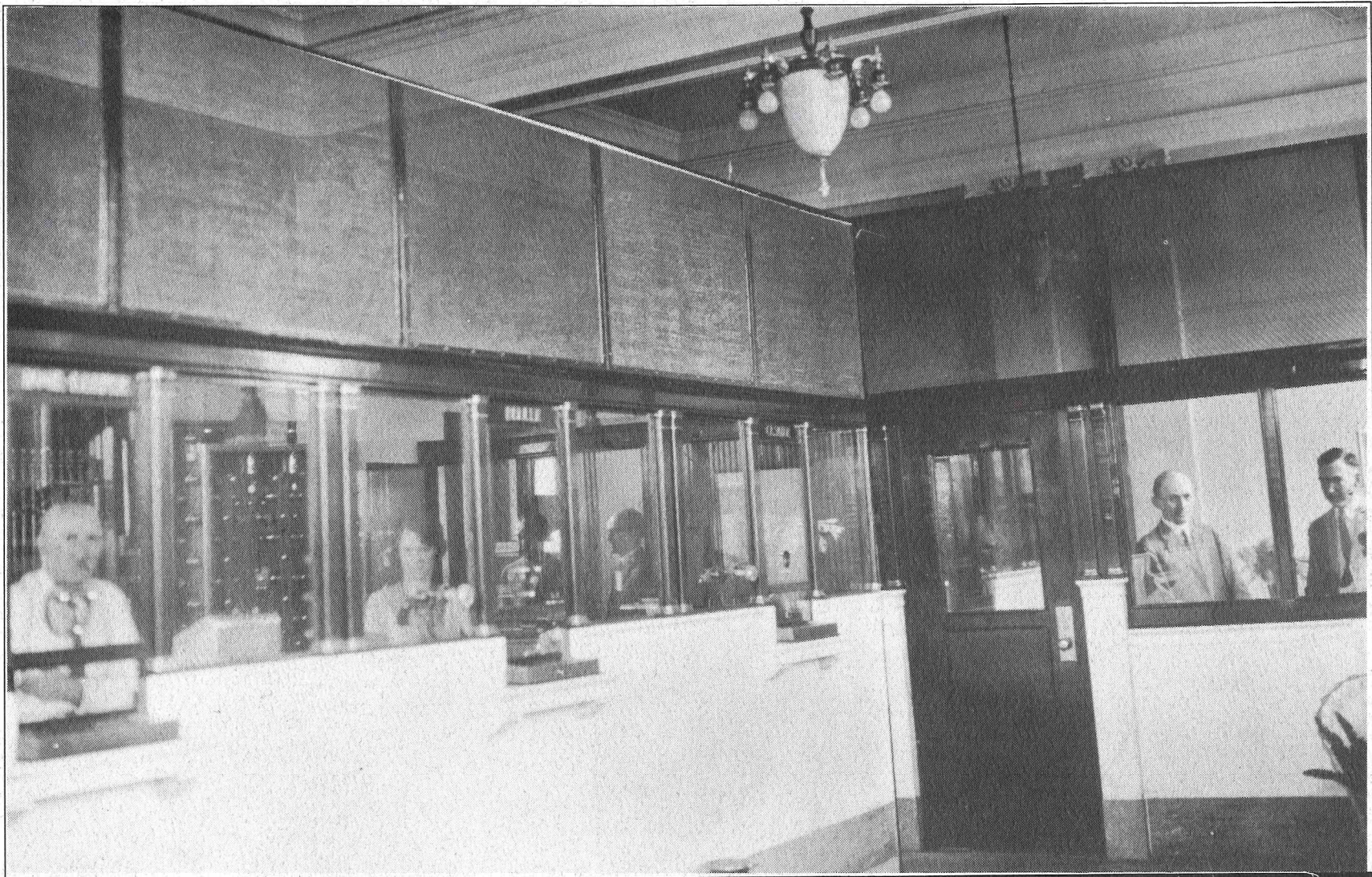
*If you know the value of money,  
go ahead and borrow some.*

Adages by Ben Franklin

Two shiny spittoons stand ready for use while a lady  
customer carries on with her business.







The interior of the Bank was refurbished by replacing the iron grillwork with bullet-proof glass and small speaking openings. Also added were revolvers which were mounted at each station. Mr. Bischof, Mr. Dintleman, and employees of the bank look over the redecorated room from the enclosed office at right. Circa 1925 - 51





The interior of the West Water Street Bank was redecorated with a very modern decor. Bank President Wm. K. Crawford, son Robert Crawford, son Wm. K. Crawford Jr. and employee are ready to serve the public. Customers are Noel Trigg and Mrs. Vivian Schweitzler. Circa 1950

The 1969 Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company Board of Directors: Front row, L-R: Gerald Feezor, Secy., W. K. Crawford, Jr., Robert J. Crawford, and Ritchey Smiley. Back row, L-R: Charles Bischof, W.K. Crawford, Sr., W. S. "Wilson" Roe, and George Benedict.

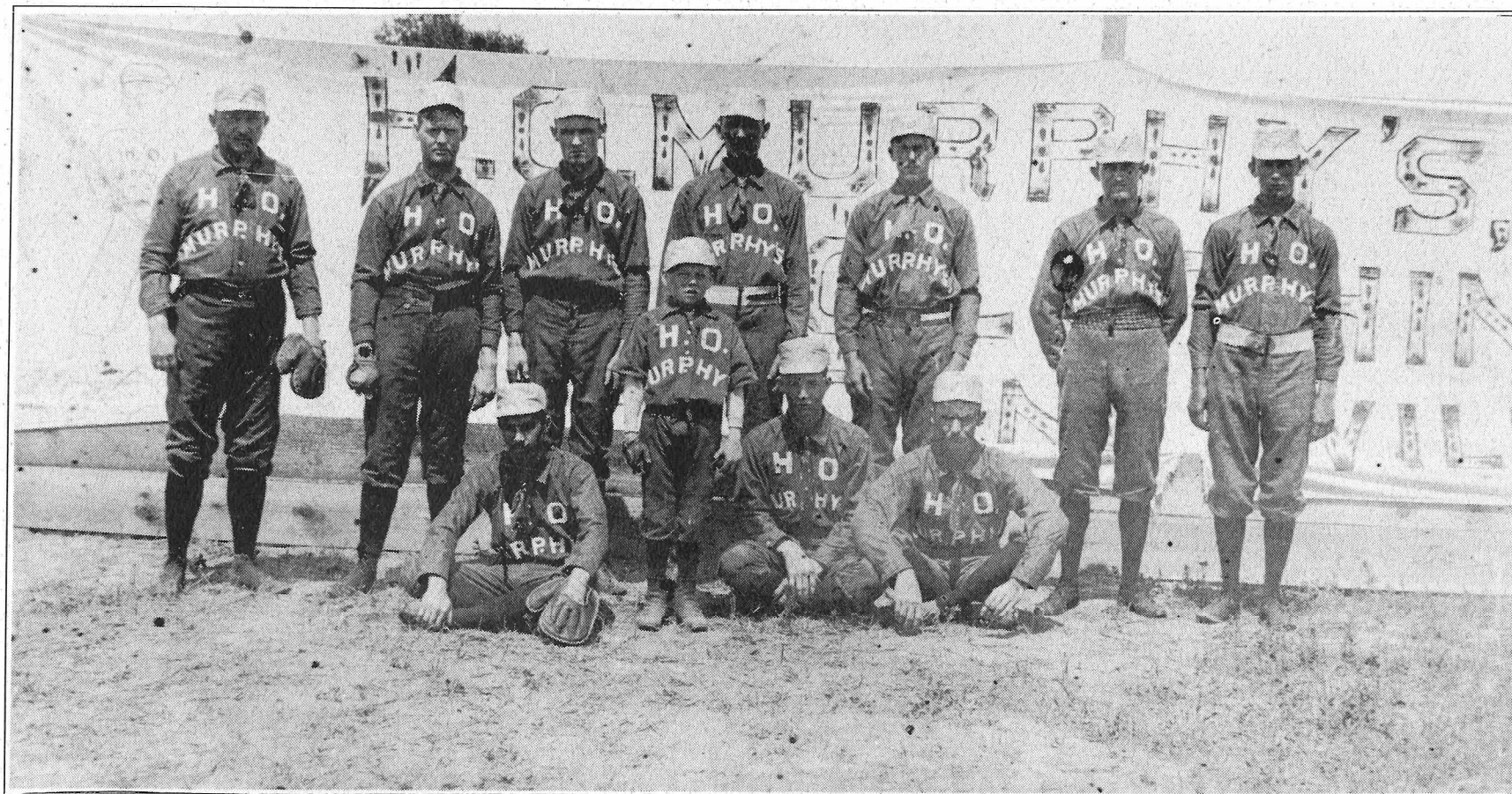




# CHAMPIONS PERRY COUNTY

## H. O. MURPHY'S

A search of the records indicates that H. O. Murphy conducted a clothing store on the square in Pinckneyville in the late 1800's. We wonder if Murphy-Wall Bank could have been a sponsor.



#2 Davison - Right Field, #3 Plumlee - Sub, #4 Smiley - Pitcher, #5 ? - Left Field, #6 Wildy - Catcher, #8 Strait - 2nd Base, #9 Stauton or Stanton - Shortstop, #10 Stanton - Captain and 3rd Base, #11 Duffy - Mascot, #12 - H. O. Murphy - Manager  
Numbers were probably on the back of the player's shirts.





**1998 MURPHY-WALL STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Back Row, L-R, Billie D. Denman, David Bigham, Attorney Donald Bigham, Dr. Gene Stotlar, M.D., and J. Joseph Crawford;  
Seated, L-R, Clark Bush, President, Wm. K. Crawford Jr., Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Charles W. Roe. D.D.S.



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